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Dr Minh Alexander

Thank you for your request for information dated 19 January 2023.
Your request has been managed under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

NHS Birmingham and Solihull Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) transitioned to NHS Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care Board (ICB) on the 1 July 2022. These changes came about due to the Health and Care Act 2022. You can find more information about this [here](#).

Our ICB is known publicly as 'NHS Birmingham and Solihull'. The ICB is the successor body to the CCG. Any information provided that predates 1 July 2022, will refer to the CCG.

Request

- 1) Please could the ICB clarify as a matter of urgency and propriety what its relationship with David Rosser is, who the appointing officer was for his current post as Strategic Director for Digital Health and Care, and whether the ICB employs and/or pays David Rosser.
- 2) Please also indicate if David Rosser's current role was ever advertised and open to public competition and who is his line manager.
- 3) Please also disclose a copy of the position specification and job description are for his current role as Strategic Director for Digital Health and Care.

Response

- 1) **NHS Birmingham and Solihull do hold the information requested**
The ICB hosts David Rosser in the role of Strategic Director for Digital Health and Care. David Rosser's employment remains with University Hospitals Birmingham.
- 2) **NHS Birmingham and Solihull do hold the information requested**

Dr David Rosser is taking forward the Digital Health and Care agenda on behalf of Birmingham and Solihull ICS. This move is based on Dr Rosser's considerable and unique experience within UHB which has led to the organisation becoming a recognised leader in using technology to support improvements in care, digital imaging, and artificial intelligence. This experience is now being utilised for the benefit of all citizens across Birmingham and Solihull and is an extension of much of the work that was already underway. The role that David Rosser is occupying was therefore not open to public competition.

In a hosted capacity David Rosser reports into the Chief Executive of the ICB.

3) **NHS Birmingham and Solihull do hold the information requested**

This role will provide the leadership, to ensure digital and technology are used to improve outcomes of our citizens. As such it has three key stakeholders, and these are interlinked in the core purpose of the role empowering people and staff through health technology and developing connected digital systems.:

- NHS England Transformation Executive – to help identify and adopt new technology and innovations.
- West Midlands Combined Authority – to provide the support and oversight of agreed WMCA priorities that will all impact on Birmingham and Solihull.
- Locally within the integrated care system – adopting innovation that provides value for patients and taxpayers – but also that might have a wider regional and national reach.

Further specifics are being scoped with system partners.

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- Writing to: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
- Calling: 0303 123 1113

- Online: <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

Yours sincerely,

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